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Dear Chairman Powell:

We at the Harlingen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce fully believe that it's time for the FCC to dismantle the economically irrational facilities unbundling rules that have devastated both the telecommunications industry and the high-tech manufacturing sector.

Your decision to do this will give incentive for SBC to invest in the Rio Grande Valley's economy. Currently, the company has approximately 352 employees in our area and provides a \$17.5 million payroll.

Regulatory relief would mean more jobs and would also provide a huge stimulus for our economy.

We hope that you make the right decision.

Thank You,

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